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1. The Atomic Institute was recently inaugurated at the University of Sofia; it is the first of its kind in the Balkans. This Institute imparts to students the results achieved in the atomic field in order to prepare future technicians of nuclear questions who will do research in atomic energy production.

2. The direction of the Institute has been entrusted to Professor Mladenov of the Physics Faculty of the University of Sofia.

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4. The Bulgarian War Ministry has established a new section of the "Servizio Informazioni"<sup>1</sup> called "Counter-Atomic Section for the Defense of the Population." The task of this section is to organize the population and to teach it methods of protection against a possible atomic attack. Officials of this section give special lessons to institutes, schools, and factories and teach atomic defense.

5. The War Ministry has published, for the use of the population, two manuals of about 100 pages each which treat this subject.

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1.  Comment: Although the words "Servizio Informazioni" (literally "Information Service") are generally used to mean "Intelligence Service" it is believed highly unlikely that this is the meaning intended here. It is felt that "Servizio Informazioni" in this context is intended rather as a "propaganda section" or "information disseminating agency."

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